

# Bland County Economic Development Authority

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**Authority Meeting Minutes  
October 13, 2025  
612 Main Street,  
Courthouse Conference Room 200  
Bland, VA 24315**

## **Call to Order:**

Mr. Havens, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

## **Roll Call:**

The following authority members attended the meeting:

Mr. James Starks  
Mrs. Linda Townley  
Mr. John Martin  
Mr. Andy Davis  
Mr. Timothy Havens

Members Absent: Mr. John Babbitt  
Mr. Wade Hall

Others present:  
Mrs. Cameron Burton, County Administrator  
Ms. Teresa Tolbert, EDA Secretary

## **PLEDGE & INVOCATION**

Mr. Martin led the pledge to the U.S. Flag and offered an invocation.

## **AGENDA/MINUTES/TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVAL**

Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the agenda with clerical correction in closed session changing *Project Precision* to *Project Legacy*. Mrs. Townley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Townley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 8, 2025 and September 22, 2025, as presented. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Townley presented the Treasurer's report. Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the report. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*none*

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS PROJECTS**

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Mrs. Burton provided an update.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Martin made the following motion: “Pursuant to Section 2.2 – 3711 (A) (3) and (5) of the Code of Virginia, I move that the Bland County Economic Development Authority convene a closed meeting for the purpose of discussion of prospective business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business’ or industry’s interest in locating or expanding, and the acquisition or disposition of real property *more specifically Project Legacy*. This motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. Motion passed.

*The Authority retired into closed session.*

## **OPEN SESSION AND CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Martin made the motion that the EDA return to open session and read the following certification:

“Pursuant to Section 2.2 – 3712 of the Code of Virginia, I move that the Bland County Economic Development Authority team while in closed session discussed only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements as previously stated in Virginia Law and that only such matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered.” This motion was seconded by Mrs. Townley. Roll call vote: Mr. Davis-yes, Mrs. Townley-yes, Mr. Havens-yes, Mr. Starks-yes, Mr. Martin-yes, Mr. Babbit-absent, Mr. Hall-absent.

Mr. Martin made a motion to authorize Mrs. Burton to negotiate a property option with Project Legacy representatives. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. Vote as follows Mr. Davis-yes, Mrs. Townley-yes, Mr. Havens-abstain, Mr. Starks-yes, Mr. Martin-yes, Mr. Babbit-absent, Mr. Hall-absent.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS con’t**

Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner meeting—Mr. Davis, Mr. Starks and Mrs. Townley stated their plans to attend the event.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Starks. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

November 10, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at Courthouse Conference Room.